

S E P T E M B E R

OAKS CHURCH

ALL IN REPORT

Below is a story from one of our core partners, OneHope.

A particular city, in a “sensitive” nation, was once home to a renowned Islamic holy man. This “evangelist” for Islam was said to have spread Mohammed’s teachings across this nation and in neighboring countries as well. The city is even named for a prophecy he made there, predicting a “bubbling over” of Muslim devotion. The entire town is proud of its Muslim roots ... and opposed to Christianity. A well-known motto there is “Never a Church to Defile the Holy City.” They have driven away missionaries for 30 years!

But 60% of the city’s residents are children ... and our church partners were determined to get the Word of God to them no matter what the cost.

- They met with the director of schools who gave them permission to distribute the Book of Hope.
- They organized community healthcare clinics for the poor.
- And they had an on-site prayer team, praying for the entire outreach.

Although the road is difficult, already there are some new believers, and a pastor has been appointed to shepherd them, with plans to add another pastor as more children, youth and families come to Christ. Please keep these efforts in your prayers, and our teams as they shine the light of God’s Word into the darkness of Islam. The work is dangerous, but our partners are dedicated.

Next Generation

This month was HUGE for Oaks Church and our partners, OneHope and John Maxwell. Together we launched the Lead Today Curriculum in High Schools across Kenya! This curriculum has already made a great impact on students around the world.

How do you make a community, region, or country better? Improve the leaders. This curriculum is doing just that as it takes examples of leadership from Scripture and applies it to every day life. It emphasizes the development of character and competencies, focuses on adding value to people, and encourages the youth to make this world a better place.

Everything rises and falls on leadership. - John Maxwell



Oaks Church has adopted a 3rd grade classroom this year at Wilemon Steam Academy



In September, 84,000 children received the Book of Hope through our All-In giving and partnership with OneHope.



206 children were fed all month through our feedONE partnership.



12 volunteers were mobilized to take a meal to new foster families

Growing Generations

Orphan and Foster Care

This month, Oaks Church has continued to love and serve the Orphan and Foster Care community.

- We were able to provide needed supplies for 9 children coming into foster care in our community. Five of those children were placed in families within the Oaks.
- We provided medication training for 12 current and future foster parents .
- This month, a foster mom from the community came by to pick up a gift card for her preemie placement and inquired about our Youth services since she saw them set up for that Wednesday night. She brought her teenage son to Youth and he has since attended services AND attended a small group!

Community Transformation

Since VolunteerEllisCounty.org's launch at the end of August, the stories of its success have been rolling in. The story below shows the influence a community coming together can make.

An Ellis County father and son volunteered through VolunteerEllisCounty.org to make beds for children in foster care. That is touching on its own, but it gets better. The son was adopted 4 years ago as a baby out of the foster care system. Now he and his dad are making a difference in the lives of other vulnerable children together.

We love seeing the collective impact that's been made through the Waxahachie Project and Oaks Church going All-In.



29 new churches were launched on National Church Planting Day



Our partner, Overflow City Church in Washington DC, launched on September 8th with record breaking attendance



\$6,095 was given to benevolence. 24 families were helped and 1 was referred to outside resources



Almost 75 organizations have listed their volunteer opportunities on Volunteerelliscounty.org, a collaboration of The Waxahachie Project and United Way

Church Planting

Transforming Communities

September 16th was National Church Planting Day! Oaks Church is thrilled to partner with CMN {Church Multiplication Network} as it celebrates 60 new churches being launched this month!

CMN Launch also took place this month in Seattle. At Launch, new church planting projects work together to create discipleship systems, develop pre-launch strategies, and learn from the incredible team of coaches and facilitators.

Oaks Church was blessed to host the Gerald Brooks Leadership Roundtable for many church planters in the network. It was a powerful day as those in the room learned leadership skills from both Pastor Scott and Gerald Brooks!

People respect you not because you're perfect, but because you're authentic. - Pastor Scott Wilson